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### UM CONCERT TO SHOWCASE MUSIC BY ALUMNUS LOWNDES MAURY

#### MISSOULA --

The music of University of Montana alumnus Lowndes Maury will be showcased Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3, in a free concert by Connecticut pianist Ann Maury Warde, a niece of Maury's.

The concert, at 3 p.m. in UM's Music Recital Hall, will feature piano and organ compositions by Maury, as well as "The Composer," a work written by Warde as a memorial to her uncle.

Maury was born in Butte, graduated from UM in 1931 and went on to study piano and composition in Chicago and Boston. In the mid-1930s he moved to Hollywood, where he built a career as a pianist, composer-arranger and conductor. At one time he worked as a composer, arranger, pianist and organist on twelve radio shows -- including "Life With Father," "The Life of Riley" and the Eddie Cantor show -- simultaneously.

He wrote scores for a wide range of productions including Universal Pictures films, Mr. Magoo cartoons and U.S. Air Force training films. His major compositions include the cantata "Proud Music of the Storm," which was commissioned for the dedication of UM's Music Building in 1953.

In 1964 Maury was cited by the Montana Territorial Centennial Committee for distinguished service in the field of original composition. He was awarded an honorary UM doctorate in 1974. He died in 1975.

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Piano compositions featured in Sunday's concert will include "Prelude, Suite for Josephine," which Maury wrote in 1928 while attending UM; "Memory of Bela Bartok"; "Wind-Sweep"; and "Three Poets," an homage to e. e. cummings, Robert Frost and F. Garcia Lorca. Maury's organ compositions "Chorale Aria" and "Three Affirmations" will also be performed.

Warde has performed throughout the eastern United States, and her compositions have been performed in Germany, Spain and Canada. She studied piano at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, and studied composition at the University of Michigan. She holds a master's degree from Wesleyan University.

For more information, call the UM School of Music, 243-6880.

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